

Appln No. 09/522,185

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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-94 are pending. Claims 95-174 are cancelled. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the cancelled claims in a Continuation application.

Claims 1-174 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In particular, the Examiner stated that "[t]aken as a whole the claims recite an undue multiplicity of claims by virtue of the unreasonable number of claims presented would tend to obfuscate, confuse, and becloud the claimed invention." Office action, page 2.

The remaining pending claims 1-94, include only four independent claims 1, 26, 49, and 74, two of which are directed to a signal processing system (claims 1 and 26), and the other two (claims 49 and 74) are directed to a method.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for examination, and accordingly, reconsideration and examination are respectfully requested.

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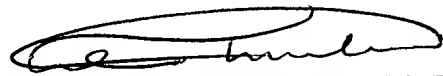
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In addition and in compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and in accordance with the provisions in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure §§ 609 and 707.05(b), enclosed is FORM PTO/SB/08A/B listing a reference that was cited in a related case. A copy of the listed reference is not enclosed, since the reference was previously cited by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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